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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA

October 12, 2011

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Pam Giacomini
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre
Jim Ostrowski

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL STAFF:

Duane Shintaku, Assistant Deputy Director, Forest Practice

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the October 12, 2011 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deferred until November

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

No Report

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Duane Shintaku

- Director Pimlott was in Washington, DC with Cal Fire's honor guard placing a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He also had the opportunity to witness the placement of Chief Bryan Zollner's name on the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial. The department had to take a 15.8 million dollar as a general fund budget reduction. It is currently under review by Department of Finance. There was a hearing before the Assembly Accountability Committee regarding THP streamlining. There is need for a more in depth discussion on this in the future. Cal Fire coordinated and participated in a field trip where members of LAO, the Senate Natural Resource Committee and Assembly Accountability Committee were taken on a Pre harvest inspection.
- Northern Unit Region Chiefs have reduced seasonal fire protection staff due to milder weather conditions. Southern Regions, Central Sierra and Central Coast have also reduced staff. San Bernardino, San Diego & Riverside, expecting Santa Ana winds and were on alert. If conditions lessen these counties will also begin down staffing.
- Secretary Laird has asked Cal Fire and its sister agencies to form a group to study where timber operations might affect anadromous habitat in the Battle Creek area. A task force was formed and has collected data and is in the process of putting the results of their study in a written report.
- In acknowledgement of Governor Brown's executive order, Cal Fire is in the process of finalizing policy on how the department interacts with the Native American tribal communities. Dr. Henly will be scheduling regional workshops and also coordinating executive level training sessions designed to develop effective communication with Native American communities.
- Forest Stewardship Council land acquisitions: Cal Fire was recommended by the council to be the recipient of 2,250 acres in the Cow Creek planning unit in Shasta County and North Fork Tuolumne River planning unit. The recommendation was for Cal Fire to receive title for a total of 3400 acres. The council may take action on additional planning units after November.
- Cal Fire is working diligently to fill the vacant Regulations Coordinator position.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR

No Report

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Executive Officer Gentry will be filling in as a representative for the Timber Tax Advisory Committee.
- Monitoring Study Group will meet November 16.
- Research and Science Committee will meet November 15. The main focus will be the format and structure of the strategic research plan for Jackson.
- Jackson Advisory Committee will meet November 17.

- The Battle Creek report will be presented to the Board at the November meeting.
- Mr. Gentry will send a hearing notice regarding rules. The November meeting will include rules and rule effectiveness. Public comment will be taken.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

No Action Items

Policy - Jim Ostrowski

No Action Items

Management – Pam Giacomini

No Action Items

Resource Protection - Pam Giacomini

10-11-01 Member Giacomini moved to put out for 45 day notice for the 1299 regulation after staff completes an Initial Statement of Reasons. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri

Refer to COMTF report.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC)

No report

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE (PFEC)

No Report

Presentation and discussion of a request to form a committee to address trespassing on private lands - Professor Joe McBride

10-12-02 Member Ostrowski moved to accept Executive Officer Gentry's request to form a committee to research an approach to deal with the issue of trespassing on private lands. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the October 12, 2011 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George D. Gentry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stan Dixon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.